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For: METHOD OF MAKING TIRE COMPONENT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

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4. (Amended) A method of making a tire rubber component according to claim 1, wherein the tire rubber component is a tread rubber or a sidewall rubber, and the thicknesses of the unvulcanized rubber strips are in a range of from 0.5 to 2.0 mm.